

The bachelor thesis on the topic: „Volunteers and their motivation for canistherapy” is divided into the theoretical and practical part. The aim is to find out what motives lead people to do voluntary work in canistherapy. The theoretical part defines the basic concepts of motivation, volunteering and canistherapy, because these concepts are related with the name and with the aim of my work. First, there is defined motivation, basic concepts of motivation, motiv and concrete motives of volunteering. Through these themes, I come to the concept of volunteering, which is described in the second chapter. Since volunteers are the core for the canistherapy as a whole there is also defined a concept of volunteer, his/her selection, training, rights and obligations and aspects, which can support or hinder the volunteer in his activity. Finally in the third chapter, I mention areas for volunteering which include also the canistherapy discussed in my thesis. The third chapter to enable us to penetrate into the issue. In the practical part, I used qualitative data analysis from interviews. Selected respondents were three volunteers who have volunteer experience with canistherapy. The results showed that the main motivation for volunteer in canistherapy is a pleasant leisure time and the fact that it is also satisfied for their dog. The work could be useful for potentially interested in volunteering in canistherapy, who would on that basis could either obtain the necessary information to address current or volunteers who devote canistherapy.